

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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KLABUNDE, KENNETH et al.

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POROUS PELLET ADSORBENTS
FABRICATED FROM NANOCRYSTALS

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REISSUE AMENDMENT

Entrance of the following amendment prior to examination of the merits is respectfully
requested.

CLAIMS

Add claims 14-19 as follows:

14. A method of removing an acid from a gas stream comprising the steps of:
providing a quantity of self-sustaining bodies formed of agglomerated, nanocrystalline metal
oxide particles selected from the group consisting of CaO and Ca(OH)₂ and admixtures
thereof, the starting particles having an average crystallite size of up to about 20 nm;
and
passing a stream of acid-bearing gas into contact with said self-sustaining bodies under
conditions for removing at least a portion of said acid from the gas stream.